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For: DISPENSING SYSTEM AND
METHOD WITH RADIO
FREQUENCY CUSTOMER
IDENTIFICATION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the references set forth in the attached modified form PTO-1449. No inference should be made that the cited references are in fact material, are in fact prior art, or that no better art exists. The cited patents are listed in numerical order and not in any order based on their pertinence.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

The undersigned first became aware of the Japanese cited patents by their inclusion in a Japanese Office Action issued mailed to undersigned's attention on March 16, 2001 in connection with the corresponding Japanese Application Number 524608/97.

It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the cited references and that they be cited on the front of any patent issuing from this application.

Copies of the cited references are attached.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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